

WHY IS THE STATION VACANT?

Because There was a Great Skunk Fight in it, in Which Man Triumphed.

Boston Daily Globe: West Medford has one of the prettiest stations on the line of the Boston & Lowell railroad. It had been the pride of the station agent, the ticket seller and the baggage master. But they have all moved out now. The station agent is located in the freight house, the ticket seller occupies a big dry goods box and the baggage master stays out in the rain. Travelers await the arrival of trains in neighboring grocery stores.

The cause of all this upheaval is simply a skunk. Nothing more nor less than a large black and white skunk. Quietly he came in the darkness and stillness of the night and took possession of the "ladies' room." When the station agent arrived to "open up" yesterday morning he soon became aware of the presence of the intruder. Hastily he beat a retreat from the dangerous locality where his skunkship had established himself, and then the fun began.

The baggage master, the ticket seller, and the station agent, all three, were in a quandary. They had no money, and they had no power. They were all in a state of confusion. The ticket seller said: "You go in first." "No, you," said the baggage master, and the station agent got behind them. The skunk was in a corner beneath a window, blandly winking and making faces at the trio, who held their noses so tightly and feared to advance.

Suddenly an idea struck the station agent. "Chloroform him," he ejaculated, and the baggage master was sent to the neighboring drug store for a pint of chloroform with which he soon returned. The window under which Mr. Skunk was resting was raised cautiously, and then the ticket agent emptied the contents of the bottle upon his skunkship. The unexpected bath rather disturbed the intruder, and he made a flying leap across the room, and the odor grew stronger.

"You was a great scheme," said the baggage master to the station agent.

"Why didn't you fellows let me use it?" was the retort.

And it cost them a dollar. "Those rocks at him," suggested the ticket seller, and for the next ten minutes the poor skunk was pelted from all the windows with coal, sticks and other missiles, but he was not subdued.

Another consultation followed. The baggage master, somewhat familiar with the characteristics of black and white skunks, said it would be safe to approach the animal if done cautiously. He hunted up a pitchfork, the station agent got a crowbar, and the ticket seller armed himself with a big stick of wood.

Together, at the word from the baggage master, the trio precipitated themselves into the room. A moment later the skunk lay bound and battered and pierced to the heart by the pitchfork. The battle was over, the trio shook hands, and then the ticket seller telephoned for the board of health and the disinfecting corps.

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